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A Police officer.

Q How long have you been a police officer?

A Going on seventeen years.

Q Now on the morning of September 16th, 1922, did you receive any instructions from your superiors?

A Yes, sir.

Q And as the result of receiving those instructions where did you go? A. Why, he told me, the Sergeant---

Q Well, it is not necessary to know what he told you. As the result of the instructions where did you go?

A He told me to meet Officer Corrigan along Easton Avenue.

Q What did you do? A. And I went and met Officer Corbigan at the corner of Easton Avenue and Midland Street.

Q About what time? A. Twenty minutes to eleven, something like that.

Q Where did you meet him in Easton Avenue?

A Corner of Easton Avenue and Bartlett Street.

Q How far is that from headquarters?

A Oh, headquarters is away downtown.

Q Well, did you go up there in an automobile?

A Well, we went up there in an automobile. I got that call from a police box about a block and a half away.

Q Oh, you were within a block and a half of this place?

A Yes, sir.

Q So the police box told you to go there and meet him?



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A Yes, sir.

Q Well, ~~said you met him~~ what time did you meet him?

A I should judge a couple of minutes, about eighteen minutes, he come up in the machine.

Q And then what did you do?

A I got in the machine. There was a man driving; I did not know him, it was Curtiss' car and he drove us up Easton Avenue. We had orders where to go, to go to Parkers' home.

Q Did you go to Parkers' home?

A We went to Parkers' home. We were supposed to find a couple of bodies there that was murdered.



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A We went to Parker's home. We were supposed to find a couple of bodies there that was murdered.

Q At Parker's home? A At Parker's home.

Q What did you/ do?

A When we got there this fellow Schneider was there, At Ed Striker's house, so I says to him, what is going on, and I seen who it was, why I asked him, and he told me there was a couple of murders up in De Russey's lane. Well, they was out of our territory, across the brook. Our limit is just this side of the brook.

I says to Garrigan, come on, we will take a chance and golup and see what the trouble is. So we went to go up, George Curtiss the man driving the car and Garrigan and myself. We went up this lane 150 or 200 feet, off Easton Ave. So I told Curtiss to leave out the car ~~xxxxx~~ side so that there would be no automobile tracks going in, to see what it was, so Garrigan Schneider an myself goes down this little lane, I thought about 125 feet or so, I couldn't say exactly, but about that, I think, and the bodies lay in that lane somewheres around 20 feet in off this lane, going down, so I said to Garrigan don't you leave nobody come in, but leave Schneider with you, so there wont be any tracks. I goes over and I lift the hat off this ladies face, and I seen it was full of maggots



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and a lot of ants, and I showed them to Garrigan and asked if he knows who they were, and he said no, and then I went over and takes the hat off the gentelman's face, and we put the hats back and I says, I will go down and callup the seargeant, and come back, that was the last I was there.

Q At that first visit did you see these letters and cards?

A No sir, I didn't stay that long?

Q Well, did you observe whether Dr. Hall's eyes were closed or not?

A No sir, I couldn't say.

Q How was the clothing arranged or disarranged?

A The clothing was all right.

Q Were they lying as if the clothing had been/~~straightened~~ straightened out by anybody?

A It looked that way.

Q How about the woman's head? A I ~~couldn't~~ couldn't say.

Q You then went away and left who in charge?

A Garrigan.

Q And where did you go? A Down to Striker's house to tell the Sergeant that there is a man and woman murdered in the lane up there, that it belongs to Somerset County, so he told me to wait a minute while he called up Somerset County, so he did Call up Somerset County, and after



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he called up Somerset County he called me, see, and he told me to call in about five minutes, so he told me to go the head of De Russey's lane, and Easton Avenue and stay there until the Prosecutor and his staff comes down. So I stayed there, I guess, until half past 12, pretty near half past twelve, 25 minutes after 12, so they didn't come that way, they come in through Millstone, down that way.

Q Well, were you there when they came there?

Easton Avenue and

A I was down at the corner of De Russey's lane.

Q Well, what did you do?

A Well, I stood there, and along came a young fellow I don't know who it was, I ain't got no recollection and he asked me what I was doing, and I said, waiting for the Prosecutor's office to arrive, and he says, the Prosecutor and them is up there now. I says, it is funny for them to let me stay here, so I went on up there, so I went on up there.

Q Who did you find up there?

A When I went on up there, there was three men ~~xxx~~ I know Officer Totten, myself, so I spoke to Garrigan, I says, this ain't no place for us, you go ahead on, I will go ~~xxxxxx~~ and see Totten, and relieve you. Then I spoke to Totten, I says, " I guess you are through with us,